

Support the Civil Rights of All Human Beings

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As a young child growing up on a farm in Goshen Hill, South Carolina, it did not take long for me to realize that colored people were not welcomed in the nearby town of Whitmire after sunset. On many occasions, one of my uncles would be stopped, beaten and jailed if they happened to drive through the town at night.

I remember the separate water fountains for whites and coloreds. I remember separate restaurants. My generation was born not far from the days of slavery. This could occur in America because some people with pigment in their skin were not legally protected persons although they were human beings.

Justice demands that each human being be given the full protection of undue harm throughout their lives. From the moment of conception, our natural hair color, eye color, skin color, height and sex are determined for the rest of our lives. Cats have kittens. Dogs have puppies. Cows have calves. Horses have ponies. Human beings have children.

As a pastor, I realize that The Creator recognizes a person, earlier than the moment they are conceived.

“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; Before you were born I sanctified you; I ordained you a prophet to the nations.” Jeremiah 1:5 (NKJV)

At the scientific and divine moment when the 23 chromosomes of woman's egg are joined with 23 chromosomes of man's sperm, a unique human person is their first stage of life. At that point, a human is not a bird, fish, reptile or any other animal; each is a human being and should be afforded the right to continue living and growing. We are in a time where there is a barbarous act of ripping babies untimely out their mother's womb. When this happens, an aborted human, loses all civil human rights. To end this unjust harm to fellow human beings in South Carolina, I urge compassionate human beings to support the *Personhood Act of South Carolina*, S. 457.

Please stand for the civil rights of all humans. The great injustice of ending the life of innocent and defenseless fellow human beings must be halted. All persons, no matter how small, should be afforded life, freedom and opportunities. This only happens if all human beings are ensured justice. This sub-committee of living persons, have the freedom and opportunity to give justice to the least of these.

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